

# My Interview

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I'm interviewing my Grandpa Frank. He's been living in Utah for 72 years. He's only lived in Utah. My grandpa was born during the Great Depression on April 27, 1937. He was born at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City. His mother was American. His father was Italian. His father was a poultry farmer, he was self employed and raised chickens and turkeys.

## Homes

The first home he remembers was a white house at the address of 19 West Gregson Avenue in Salt Lake City, UT. The house was torn down about 12 years ago. My grandpa's house had indoor plumbing and electricity. The house was heated by coal stoves. To keep food cool there was an ice box and he had a telephone too.

## Childhood

My grandpa's favorite childhood memory is swimming at Wasatch Springs.

Back in his day boys wore shirt and pants and girls always wore dresses.

My grandpa's chores were:

Before school - feed the chickens

After school - feed all the farm animals: chickens, turkeys, cows, pigs, and horses.

He also had to clean the eggs that his family sold for .10 to .15 cents a dozen. He had to hold the eggs up to a light to make sure there were no blood spots, because the eggs with blood spots could not be sold.

For fun my grandpa rode horses, went swimming, listened to the radio, flying kites, sleigh riding in the winter and went to the movies every Saturday at the Kmart Theater.

The one tradition that he remembers was at Thanksgiving. His family would go out on their farm and pick out the biggest turkey of them all for dinner.

### **School**

In one school house it was from kindergarten to ninth grade and in another school house it was from tenth grade to twelfth grade. The subjects he studied were math, history, english, writing and spelling, much like today's.

Yes there was homework assigned but there were no backpacks so sometimes he had to carry three books at a time home and my grandpa lived about a mile from school. He had to walk a mile to school and a mile home every day, even in the winter.

### **Recreation**

The movies my grandpa watched were mostly western. The first cars he remembered were a 1939 Buick and a 1930 produce truck.

He listened to NBC, ABC, and CBS radio stations. The shows he listened to were the Green Hornet, The Gangbusters, Roy Rogers and The Lone Ranger.

## Nation and World

The problems in America were war issues and the economy.

The wars my grandpa remembers were World War II, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The major changes the he remembers are:

Travel became faster. Airplanes went from propellers to jet engines. Cars were built to be faster. Trains went from coal to diesel and electric.

Water heaters, electric stoves and automatic washing machines became available.

TV. became available in the 1950's, it was in black and white but he remembers his father putting a piece of colored plastic over the screen so it looked like colored TV.

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